

REGULAR MEETING UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

Farmerville, Louisiana

July 7th, 2020

The Union Parish Police Jury met this date in regular session in the Police Jury meeting room, Courthouse Annex, Farmerville, Louisiana with the following present: Curtis Moses, Nathan Pilgreen, DeWayne Ramsey, Johnny Buckley, Ben Bridges, Ceis Nyegaard, L.W. Nolan, Brenda Abercrombie and John W. Watley. Absent: None. Also present was Tracy Houck, Assistant District Attorney. The President called the session to order and welcomed all guests. Mr. Nolan offered the invocation and Mr. Bridges led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Buckley welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience would like to register for public comment. At this time the public was given the opportunity to comment on any item shown on the agenda.

The Secretary/Treasurer announced the following:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse Annex, 303 E. Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Union, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within the Parish of Union to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Watley and declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Jury to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to adopt the minutes of the June 2, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the Budget to Actual Revenue and Expense report for the month of June and explained to the jurors that the report reflects what has been budgeted for the year compared to what has been spent. At this point in the year the police jury should be at 50% of its budget.

The Revenue for all funds is down. The severance tax is down, Fees/Commissions and interest revenue are down. The state appropriation for the road maintenance fund is down.

Out of the general fund \$5,000 was spent on housing juveniles. The General Aviation Airport Maintenance Grant Program has been applied for. Invoices and proof of payment totaling \$18,444.76 have been submitted and the jury should be reimbursed one-half of that. That money will go back into the airport fund.

There was no revenue received for DOC inmates for the month of June. Baton Rouge has been holding that money, but those funds should be released soon. There is a total of 267 DOC

inmates at the Union Parish Detention Center and 76 Parish inmates. Forty (40) inmates are being housed at Madison Parish; twenty-four (24) males and sixteen (16) females. There are thirteen (13) stick outs who are participating in programs such as drug or alcohol. There are currently ninety (90) TWP offenders working at Foster Farms which will increase the revenue at the Detention Center.

Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Watley to adopt the Revenue and Expenditures Report for the month of June. Motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Hermann, Union Parish Library Director, presented a brief report about how the library operated during the COVID shut down. Mrs. Hermann reported that services were never discontinued and that the public had very limited access to the library. Mrs. Hermann also reported on what programs were being offered during the shutdown and what she is currently doing.

Mrs. Hermann also reported that she applied for a grant through Keep Louisiana Beautiful. She won a \$500 cash prize. She used those monies to purchase signs that say “Please keep Union Parish Wild & Free ... Pick up Trash and Protect our Streams.” Mrs. Hermann is donating the signs to the police jury so that they may be put up at the waterways.

Motion Mr. Nyegaard, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to open a public hearing regarding the proposed abandonment of approximately three-quarters of a mile of road along the West end of Jackson Slough Road intersecting with State Highway 550. Motion carried unanimously. President Buckley declared the public hearing open and asked the public if they had any comments relating to the road closure. Johnny Creed came forward to speak in favor of the closure. Motion Mr. Watley, seconded by Mr. Bridges to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. President Buckley declared the public hearing closed.

Motion Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Bridges to abandon approximately three-quarters of a mile of road along the West end of Jackson Slough Road intersecting with State Highway 550. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE # 906

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE UNION PARISH ROAD SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR THE DELETION OF A PORTION OF JACKSON SLOUGH ROAD.

Pursuant to Public Notice published in *The Banner*, a weekly newspaper published in Farmerville, Union Parish, Louisiana and the Official Journal of the Union Parish Police Jury on June 4, 2020; June 11, 2020; June 18, 2020 and June 25, 2020, Public Hearing was being held by the Union Parish Police Jury at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 303 East Water Street, Farmerville, Louisiana for the purpose of considering whether or not certain road listed in said Public Notice should be deleted from the Union Parish Road System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Police Jury of Union Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session this 7th day of July, 2020, that the following Ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1

The approximate three-quarters of a mile of road along the West end of Jackson Slough Road intersecting with State Highway 550, is found to be no longer needed for public purposes and is hereby deleted and removed from the Union Parish Road System.

SECTION 2

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the Union Parish Police Jury.

SECTION 3

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause and/or phrase of this Ordinance or the application thereof is declared unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality, unenforceability or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and/or phrases of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the Union Parish Police Jury without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional, unenforceable or invalid section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 4

All other ordinances, or any parts thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This above and foregoing Ordinance was introduced by **Mr. Ramsey** who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Bridges** and after having been considered by sections was adopted by sections and as a whole by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS:	Nine (Moses, Pilgreen, Ramsey, Buckley, Bridges, Nyegaard, Nolan, Abercrombie and Watley)
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINED:	None
ABSENT:	None

WHEREUPON, the Ordinance was declared duly adopted this 7th day of July, 2020.

s/ Paula Strickland _____
PAULA STRICKLAND
SECRETARY-TREASURER
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

s/ Johnny Buckley _____
JOHNNY BUCKLEY
PRESIDENT
UNION PARISH POLICE JURY

President Johnny Buckley authorized the payment and distribution of the 2019-2020 Two Percent (2%) Fire Protection Rebate checks based on the parish's population as compiled by the Louisiana State University and Agriculture and Mechanical College Agriculture Center, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. For the districts that had a representative attending this meeting, the representative was given the district's check by the juror representing the fire district. The amounts of the checks are shown below:

Fire Protection District	LA 2% Rebate
Junction City Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,616.09
Lillie Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,441.81
Spearsville Volunteer Fire Department	\$6,280.71
Ward 5 Volunteer Fire Department	\$11,997.85
Farmerville Volunteer Fire Department	\$20,785.11
Marion Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,315.29
Bernice Volunteer Fire Department	\$10,864.78
Rocky Branch/Crossroads	\$6,789.28
Spencer-West Sterlington Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,569.58
Northeast Union Fire District	\$10,849.83
North Union Fire District	\$3,472.35
Sadie-Tiger Bend Fire District	\$9,089.07
TOTAL	\$92,071.75

Mr. Buckley thanked the ladies and gentlemen who serve on these Volunteer Fire Departments.

Motion Mrs. Abercrombie, seconded by Mr. Watley, that the following action should be taken on the road material/landfill bids for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020:

- Gasoline and diesel fuel should be awarded to Hill Oil Co. and Lott Oil Co. based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Aviation Fuel – No bids were received for Aviation Fuel.
- CRS-2 Asphalt Emulsion – Bid should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited, Inc. and Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- AEP Asphalt Emulsion Prime – Bid should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited, Inc. (only bidder).
- MC-30 Cutback Asphalt – Bid should be awarded to Asphalt Products Unlimited, Inc. (only bidder).
- Spiral Metal Culverts – Bid should be awarded to Coastal Culverts and Contech based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Polyethylene pipe should be awarded to Coastal Culvert and Irrigation Mart, Inc. based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.
- Concrete Pipe – Bid should be awarded to Coastal Culvert (only bidder).

- **Hot Mix and Cold Mix – Bid should be awarded to Amethyst Construction and Dreher Contracting based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.**
- **Maintenance rock, oversize rock, clay gravel, fill sand, pea gravel, and concrete sand – Bid should be awarded to Arkansas Gravel Co. and Macro Farms, LLC (Select Concrete) based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed.**
- **Crushed concrete – No bids were received for crushed concrete.**
- **Granite rock should be awarded to R. E. Bentz, Inc. (only bidder).**
- **Leachate Collection Sand – Bid should be awarded to Martin Marietta (only bidder).**
- **Daily alternative cover for landfill should be awarded to Enviro Services, LLC and Space Savers, Inc. based upon the best price, availability, hauling, location of job and quantity needed. Bid covers the period of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Landfill Committee Recommendations:

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Moses to discontinue the \$2.00 temporary pay increase for the Landfill employees effective July 10, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to advertise for bids for the cleaning out of Detention Pond #1 and the pipe connection to Detention Pond #2 using the updated plans and specifications provided by David Dumas. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to re-advertise the Leachate Collection System Clean and Video Inspection Project using the updated plans and specifications provided by David Dumas. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pilgreen reported that two bids were received for fifty (50) dumpsters. One bid from Technology International in the amount of \$1,475 per dumpster and the second from Wastequip in the amount of \$1,119 per dumpster. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to accept the lowest bid from Wastequip in the amount of \$55,950 and authorize the president to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

Finance Committee Recommendations:

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen to contribute up to \$7,500 to the Crappie Masters Fishing Tournament; the jury will be contributing with the Town of Farmerville, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce, Union Parish Tourist Commission and Lincoln Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen for a continuance of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (\$13,000 per year) with the LSU Extension Office and authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie that a .50 per hour pay raise be granted to Union Parish Police Jury employees that are employed at the Road Department, Landfill Department, Health Unit, Custodian staff and the Police Jury's administrative staff; raise to become effective on July 13, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to purchase crushed concrete in an amount up to \$25,100. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Committee Recommendations

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Ramsey to reject the bid from Womack & Sons Construction Group due to the fact that the federal procurement regs have minimum requirements that were not met and re-advertise the Loch Lomond Pipe Replacement Project; authorize the President to execute any necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mr. Watley to advertise for bids for the 2020 Union Parish Police Jury Road Program. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion Mr. Bridges, seconded by Mrs. Abercrombie to authorize Riley and Company to assist with policies and procedures for the Union Parish Road Department. Motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with Ordinance 549, time for public comment was given.


Charlene G. Carter, 793 Gatson Road, addressed the jury concerning Gatson Road, Oakland Bridge Road, County Line Road and Daniel Road. Mrs. Carter also inquired about the missing road sign.

Jon McKinnie, Union Parish Chamber of Commerce addressed the jury concerning Fireworks.

There being no further business to come before the Jury, the President declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Nolan on this the 7th day of July, 2020.



Paula Strickland, Secretary-Treasurer
Union Parish Police Jury


Johnny Buckley, President
Union Parish Police Jury